the Central Civil Services envisage that it would be necessary for the officers to take previous sanction of the Government to engage in any trade or business; negotiate or undertake any employment; take part in the registration, promotion and management of registered companies, cooperative societies for commercial purposes or other non-governmental organizations which are aided by the Central Government/State Government or an international organization or agency.

However, previous sanction of the Government is not required in cases of taking part in the registration, promotion or management (not involving the holding or an elective office) of a literary, scientific or charitable society, or of a club, or similar organisation, the aims or objectives of which relate to promotion of sports, cultural, or recreation activities, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or in a Cooperative Society substantially for the benefit of the members of the Services registered under the Cooperative Societies Act, 1912 or any other law for the time being in force.

(c) to (e) Previous sanction is granted or refused on merits in the light of the rules/instructions. The officer's participation should not be detrimental to the discharge of official duties. The officer is required to discontinue taking part in such activities if so directed by the Government.

Curriculum at the LBS Academy

1066. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee has been appointed by Government to go into the need to change the curriculum at the Lai Bahadur Shastri Academy, Mussoorie so that future civil servants get knowledge on formation of NGOs and how to nurture them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that the probationers given a choice to pursue either their official careers or NGOs; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) (a) to (d) The Department of Personnel and Training has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.V.V. Ayyar, IAS (Retd.) to

review the Syllabus of entry-level training for IAS officers. The Committee is yet to give its recommendations.

Sixth Pay Commission

1067. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering setting up a Sixth Pay Commission for Central Government employees, who are paid 2.5 times more than what the private sector counterpart get according to a World Bank study;

(b) whether the Fifty Pay Commission imposed a burden of around half a percentage of GDP with cascading adverse effects on State exchequers whose employees were also clamouring for parity with the Central scales; and

(c) whether Government are considering that the impending resource crunch, would mandate the Sixth Pay Commission to examine not just pay revision but also downsizing of the workforce wherever found necessary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) (a) Government is initiating steps for setting up the Sixth Pay Commission for Central Government employees.

(b) Fifth Central Pay Commission had estimated the financial implications of their recommendations at Rs. 8800 crore per annum. The recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay commission did not cover State Government employees. However State Governments were free to decide the applicability of Fifty Central Pay Commission revised pay scales for their employees.

(c) The terms of reference of the Sixth Pay Commission have not been finalized.

Purview of Lok Ayukta

1068. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had widened the purview of the Lok Ayukta, recently;